CLAIMS

<u>What is claimed is</u>:

1. A communication terminal device comprising:

a printer for printing an image;

an image memory for storing the image to be printed by the printer;

an operation unit for inputting various instructions including interruption; and

a controller for causing the printer to print the image stored in the image memory, with an interruption condition being maintained, if no instructions are input from the operation panel for a prescribed period after the interruption is instructed from the operation panel.

2. A communication terminal device comprising:

a printer for printing an image;

an image memory for storing the image to be printed by the printer;

an operation panel for inputting various instructions including interruption; and

a controller for causing the printer to print the image stored in the image memory, with an interruption condition being maintained, if printing is not performed by the printer for a prescribed period after the interruption is instructed from the operation panel.

3. The communication terminal device of claim 1, wherein the controller interrupts printing by the printer if an interruption process needs to use the printer, and then causes the printer to print according to the interruption process.

4. The communication terminal device of claim 2, wherein the controller

interrupts printing by the printer if an interruption process needs to use the printer, and then causes the printer to print according to the interruption process.

5. The communication terminal device of claim 1, wherein the controller causes the printer to print the image stored in the image memory if a vacant area in the image memory is less than a predetermined value.

6. The communication terminal device of claim 2, wherein the controller causes the printer to print the image stored in the image memory if a vacant area in the image memory is less than a predetermined value.

7. The communication terminal device of claim 1, wherein the image stored in the image memory is a facsimile image received from a remote party.

8. The communication terminal device of claim 2, wherein the image stored in the image memory is a facsimile image received from a remote party.

9. The communication terminal device of claim 3, wherein the image stored in the image memory is a facsimile image received from a remote party.

10. The communication terminal device of claim 4, wherein the image stored in the image memory is a facsimile image received from a remote party.

11. The communication terminal device of claim 1, wherein the image stored in the image memory is data received from a remote computer.

12. The communication terminal device of claim 2, wherein the image stored in the image memory is data received from a remote computer.

13. The communication terminal device of claim 3, wherein the image

stored in the image memory is data received from a remote computer.

14.   The communication terminal device of claim 4, wherein the image
stored in the image memory is data received from a remote computer.

15. A method comprising the steps of:

A) determining whether a predetermined period elapses; and

B) printing image stored in a memory unless prescribed instructions are input for the predetermined period.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the step B is executed only when a remaining capacity of the memory is less than a predetermined value.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein the predetermined period is counted after interruption condition starts.